

interfere with Year 7 & 8 manual nor those involved in choir on the Wednesday afternoon. We will make arrangements for students to continue with these activities. Parental involvement is welcomed and a small contribution to cover costs will be addressed at the parent meeting on Wednesday.

Thank you

Our sincere thanks to the New Zealand Speleological Society. Recently members raised \$500 for our school at their AGM in Waitomo in recognition of the generous access to caves in and around the Waitomo area granted to them.

Thank you Poppy Joe of Auckland for donating a hose sprinkler and helping with the preparation of our vegetable garden box area.

Board of Trustees News

Training

The BOT has asked the Ministry of Education for training for National Standards, Governance and Management and Self-Review. This will take place over two sessions in early in February. As part of BOT awareness of responsibilities members are working towards using the Strategic Plan as an active document – it will be reviewed regularly and kept in front of members at BOT meetings.

Property

Plans are well underway for an upgrade to our school entrance area. It is hoped this will be completed by the beginning of school 2011.

Thanks to Alannah and Batch who supervise PD teams on occasional Saturdays. It is helping to keep our school neat and tidy.

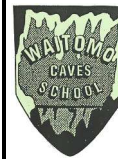
Health and Safety

Small group (Alannah, Helen, Tamae) will identify the areas needing to be fixed and will record in the Hazards and Maintenance Book kept in the office. The group will decide the best way of completing the task and, within reason, will approve payment for jobs to be completed.

Black Water Rafting staff will be invited to school to discuss risk management. The timing of this process will take place at the discretion of the Principal. With Alannah, Health and Safety officer, and selected students they will help make an assessment of hazards around the school. It is hoped that in this way students themselves will become more aware of risks.

Te Reo

Tamae is advertising in the local paper for someone to teach Te Reo and Kapa Haka for next year.



Newsletter

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Term Four 2010

Week Three – 29 October

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Currently we have 33 pupils at Waitomo Caves School. There are 18 in the senior class. Unfortunately Arzjean and her family have moved on so that leaves 15 in the junior class.

We welcome Seth Gray to Kick-Start Classes on Mondays with mum Jamie.

It was lovely to have Taylor and Lilly visit with their friends from The Cottage yesterday and join us in the junior class. We hope Taylor, Lilly, Noah, Leah and Sammy enjoyed their visit with their teachers as we enjoyed having them.

Pet/Flower Show Day

What a fantastic day! Well done to all the children who produced such wonderful art, flower arrangements, pets, fruit and vegetable models and baking. You challenged the judges with their decisions. Thank you to all our judges Nana Noeleen Gibson, Grandpa Derek Gibson, Sandra Morgan, Anne Stubbs, Barbara Hall, Robert Tahi, Maxine Johnson, Nana Joan Pawhau, Allan Johnston, Liz Dunn and Curly. Thank you Bex for the brilliant face paints which raised \$85. Thank you Barry Woods for a very successful cake auction which raised \$660. Thank

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you to the Year 5 to 8 students, local business and community members for donation the cakes for auction.

Preschoolers: 1st Zarah Stubbs with Sonny the lamb, 2nd Rylan Percival with Jo Jo the goat, 3rd Edan Stubbs with Bottom the lamb, Merit Jack Verry with Mr No Name the calf, Certificate of Participation Reuben Dimond with Sam the lamb, Taylor and Ashton Taane-Burgess with Pango the chicken.

Year 1 & 2: 1st Sian Dimond with Daffodil the lamb, 2nd Max Cornes with Tiger the lamb, 3rd Nikhil Shankar with Rosie the Chicken, Merit Elijah Stubbs with Rex the goat and Thomas Verry with Ollie the horse, Certificate of Participation Maddison Gray with Spike the goat.

Year 3 & 4: 1st Kyah Cornes with Casey the lamb, 2nd Portia Taane-Edwards with Roger the rooster, 3rd Blaze Cameron with Snowfall the lamb, Merit Jessie Reardon with Sarah the lamb.

Years 5 to 8: Section 1: 1st Leah Bell with Whero Strawberry Toro the calf, 2nd Trent Maguire with Milo the goat, 3rd Aorangi Jones with Rexena the calf, Merit Norton Watene with Robert the goat, Certificate of Participation Te Hurinui Jones with Torres the calf. Section 2: 1st Cheyenne Bungard with Horton Hear a Who the cat, 2nd Angel Taane-Edwards with chicks Nightfall, Sunny, Sunrise and Blackie, 3rd Tasman Bungard with Venus the cat, Merit Bailey Watene with Puppy the cat. Champion – Leah Bell and Reserve Champion – Kyah Cornes.

Year 8 College Experience Day



Here are our Year 8's with James Batger, Year 9 and Mr Ken Drummond from Otorohanga College.

On Tuesday 23 November Otorohanga College will be holding its 'College Experience Day'. This is the day when pupils from its 14 contributing primary schools, who are intending to attend the College next year as Year 9, come and

experience College life. The day begins at 9.30am with a powhiri. The day of events and experiences will follow and concludes at 2.00pm so as to allow pupils to return to their schools in time to catch their buses home. The College warmly invite whanau, parents and friends to join these Year 8's for the powhiri at 9.30am at the College. Staff will be happy to talk with you on that day about life and expectations at the College. Enrolment forms will be available. For more information feel free to ring the College on 07 873 8029.

Before School

Staff are concerned children are coming to school far too early. Please review the Before and After School Policy that is attached.

Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday 3 November at 3.10pm. There will be a focus on term four camp, 2011 camp, reporting to parents, fundraising and school pool. We would appreciate Year 7 and 8 children's parents remaining at the end of the meeting to discuss the College experience day and health education.

School Trophies

All recipients of trophies at last years prizegiving are asked to please return these as soon as possible. The medallions are for keeps, however the trophies will need to be returned.

Small Schools Athletics

The small schools athletics fun day will be held at Hangatiki School on Wednesday 10 November. The postponement date for this is Friday 12 November. All children will be involved in the small schools athletics day and will require suitable clothing and footwear for participating in athletic sports. They will also need their lunch, snacks and drink. There is a sausage sizzle and other food items for sale. Parents are asked to please contact staff if you can provide transport to Hangatiki on the day.

The COP's athletics event will be held the following Wednesday 17 November at Otorohanga South School. This event involves a selection of Year 4 to Year 8 children.

School Maintenance and Hazards

As part of our health and safety procedures, school has a maintenance and hazards book that board and staff use for entering information regarding property that needs attention. Potential hazards are identified, recorded and then repaired or replaced in order for the school grounds to remain safe for children, staff, parents and visitors. If you notice any potential hazards while at school please make an entry into the notebook so we can fix it. The notebook can be located in the staffroom hanging on the wall.

School Camp

The confirmed dates for this terms school camp at Tokikapu Marae are Tuesday 30 November to Thursday 2 December. These dates will not

Community News

Lion's Pureora Camp Every January, the Lion's Clubs in the Otorohanga, Piopio, Te Kuiti and Bennydale area run a camp for 10-12 year old children who would not otherwise have a summer holiday. The camp is held at their lodge in the Pureora Forest Park. To enable as many children as possible to benefit from this experience, the costs are heavily subsidised. Camp dates are 19-24 January 2011. Contact Lou Fielder on 8786955.

Pukenui School Twilight Gala, Friday 12 November, 4.00pm.

Children's Work



Bailey, Tasman, Alex and Trent's contribution to the True Colours Charity auction held in Hamilton during the school holidays. These boys attended a workshop in Te Kuiti last term.

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

3 November	Parent meeting
10 November	Small Schools Athletics
12 November	Small Schools Athletics postponement
16 November	Board meeting
17 November	COP's Athletics
23 November	Year 8 College Experience Day
24 November	COP's Athletics postponement day
25 November	Waikato Athletics
30 Nov – 2 Dec	Tokikapu Marae camp
7 December	Board meeting
9 December	School Prizegiving
10 December	Reports and Portfolios go home
10 – 11 December	Carols in the Cave
13 December	Parent/Teacher report evening
15 December	Last day of Term 4
25 December	Merry Christmas

Mrs Tamae Dimond
Principal ☺

POLICY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Rationale:

All children in the school grounds from 8.30am to 3.20pm will be in the care of the teaching staff.

Purpose:

To ensure the safety of the children while in the school grounds before and after school.

Guidelines:

1. Ensure that a teacher is available for the supervision of the children between the hours of 8.30am and 3.20pm. Once the children have arrived in the school grounds they are expected to abide by school policies.
2. Parents/caregivers are to inform the school when their child or children are leaving the school grounds.
3. If parents have made other arrangements for their children after school, apart from their usual routine, parents or caregivers are to give a note to the school or phone and speak with the teacher in charge.
4. Once children have left the school grounds they are no longer considered to be the responsibility of the school. Parents must assume full responsibility for their child/children's safety to and from school.
5. Children travelling by bus will adhere to the bus policy.

Conclusion:

The school will assume responsibility for the children when they are in the school grounds from 8.30am to 3.20pm.